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3. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~processing an electronic receipt maintaining an inventory for a plurality of products~~, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of: processing a purchase transaction for one of said plurality of products; generating an electronic receipt comprising data concerning the purchase transaction; storing ~~the~~ said electronic receipt on a removable storage medium; at a different time or place, reading the said electronic receipt on the from said removable storage medium; validating ~~the~~ said electronic receipt; and in response to validating ~~the~~ said electronic receipt, providing an indication to proceed with a delivery of goods ~~or services~~ related to the purchase transaction and updating ~~an~~ said inventory ~~affected by said~~ to reflect the delivery of said goods ~~or services~~.

27. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer-readable medium for ~~processing an electronic receipt maintaining an inventory for a plurality of products~~, said computer program product comprising:
first instructions for processing a purchase transaction for one of said plurality of products;
second instructions for generating an electronic receipt comprising data concerning the purchase transaction;
third instructions for storing ~~the~~ said electronic receipt on a removable storage medium;
fourth instructions for reading ~~the~~ said electronic receipt ~~on the~~ from said removable storage medium;
fifth instructions for validating ~~the~~ said electronic receipt; and
sixth instructions for providing an indication to proceed with a delivery of goods ~~or services related to the purchase transaction~~ said one of said plurality of products in response to validating ~~the~~ said electronic receipt, and
seventh instructions for updating an inventory ~~in response to validating the electronic receipt only after performing said fifth instructions~~.